

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An address system comprising:
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means for monitoring information sent by a sender and asynchronously received at a public fee address associated with a mail recipient;
means for determining a fee for the information, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;
means for collecting the fee from the sender into a first account;
means for forwarding the information received at the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient; and
means for transferring the collected fee to a second account.
2. (Original) The address system of claim 1, wherein the second account belongs to a third party.
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3. (Original) The address system of claim 1, wherein the address is an electronic mail address.
4. (Original) The address system of claim 1, wherein the fees are escalating based upon number of usages.
5. (Original) The address system of claim 1, wherein the fees are conditional.
6. (Original) The address system of claim 1, wherein the fees are a combination of fixed, variable and conditional for different senders.
7. (Original) The address system of claim 1 wherein the fee is waived for a sender.
8. (Original) The address system of claim 1 wherein the fee is based upon the urgency of the information.

9. (Original) The address system of claim 1 wherein the fees are selected from the group consisting of fixed, variable or conditional.

10. (Original) The address system of claim 1 wherein the fee is based on the size of the information.

11. (Original) The address system of claim 2 wherein the third party is a charity organization.

12. (Original) The address system of claim 2 wherein the third party is a company.

13. (Original) The address system of claim 2 wherein the third party is an individual.

14. (Original) The address system of claim 2 wherein the third party is a firm.

15. (Original) The address system of claim 1 wherein the fee varies for different senders.

16. (Original) The address system of claim 10 wherein the size of the information is based on word count.

17. (Original) The address system of claim 10 wherein the size of the information is based on number of bits.

18. (Original) The address system of claim 5 wherein the mail recipient elects to impose a fee.

19. (Previously presented) An address system comprising:

means for monitoring information sent by a sender and asynchronously received at a public fee address associated with a mail recipient;

means for determining a fee for the information, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient and the fee is conditional;

means for collecting the fee from the sender; and

means for forwarding the information received at the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient.

20. (Original) The address system of claim 19 wherein a mail recipient elects to impose a charge.

21. (Original) The address system of claim 19 wherein the mail recipient receives a portion of the collected fees.

22. (Previously presented) A method of providing a fee address system comprising the steps of:

receiving information sent by a sender at a public fee address in a computer, wherein the public fee address is associated with a mail recipient;

determining a fee for the information, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient and the fee increases as information size increases;

collecting the fee from the sender; and

forwarding the information from the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the mail size is measured by word count.

24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the mail size is measured in bits.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprising transferring the collected fees to a third party.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the third party is a charity.

27. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the third party is a firm.

28. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the third party is an individual.

29. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the third party is a company.
30. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the information is electronic mail.
31. (Previously presented) A programmed computer for providing a fee address system comprising:
a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code; and
a processor for executing the program code stored in memory, wherein the program code includes:
code to receive mail sent by a sender to a public fee address associated with a mail recipient;
code to determine a fee for the mail, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;
code to collect the fee from the sender into a first account;
code to forward the mail from the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient; and
code to transfer the collected fee to a second account.
32. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31 wherein the second account belongs to a third party.
33. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31, wherein the address is an electronic mail address.
34. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31, wherein the fees are escalating based upon number of usages.
35. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31, wherein the fees are conditional.

36. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31, wherein the fees are a combination of fixed, variable and conditional for different senders.
37. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31 wherein the fee is waived for a sender.
38. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31 wherein the fee is based upon the urgency of the mail.
39. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31 wherein the fees are selected from the group consisting of fixed, variable or conditional.
40. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31 wherein the fee is based on the size of the mail.
41. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 32 wherein the third party is a charity organization.
42. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 32 wherein the third party is a company.
43. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 32 wherein the third party is an individual.
44. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 32 wherein the third party is a firm.
45. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 31 wherein the fee varies for different senders.
46. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 40 wherein the size of the mail is based on word count.

47. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 40 wherein the size of the mail is based on number of bits.

48. (Original) The programmed computer of claim 35 wherein the mail recipient elects to impose a fee.

49. (Previously presented) Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium, the code for providing a fee address system, comprising:

code to receive a communication sent by a sender to a public fee address associated with a mail recipient;

code to determine a fee for the communication, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;

code to collect the fee; and

code to forward the communication from the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient.

50. (Previously presented) A method of providing a fee address system comprising the steps of:

receiving mail sent by a sender to a public fee address in a computer wherein the public fee address is associated with a mail recipient;

determining a fee for the mail, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;

collecting the fee from the sender into a first account;

forwarding the mail from the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient; and

transferring the collected fee to a second account.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the second account belongs to a third party.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the address is an electronic mail address.

53. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the fees are escalating based upon number of usages.
54. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the fees are conditional.
55. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the fees are a combination of fixed, variable and conditional for different senders.
56. (Original) The method of claim 50 wherein the fee is waived for a sender.
57. (Original) The method of claim 50 wherein the fee is based upon the urgency of the mail.
58. (Original) The method of claim 50 wherein the fees are selected from the group consisting of fixed, variable or conditional.
59. (Original) The method of claim 50 wherein the fee is based on the size of the mail.
60. (Original) The method of claim 51 wherein the third party is a charity organization.
61. (Original) The method of claim 51 wherein the third party is a company.
62. (Original) The method of claim 51 wherein the third party is an individual.
63. (Original) The method of claim 51 wherein the third party is a firm.
64. (Original) The method of claim 50 wherein the fee varies for different senders.
65. (Original) The method of claim 59 wherein the size of the mail is based on word count.
66. (Original) The method of claim 59 wherein the size of the mail is based on number of bits.

67. (Original) The method of claim 54 wherein the mail recipient elects to impose a fee.

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